

## The Road to State

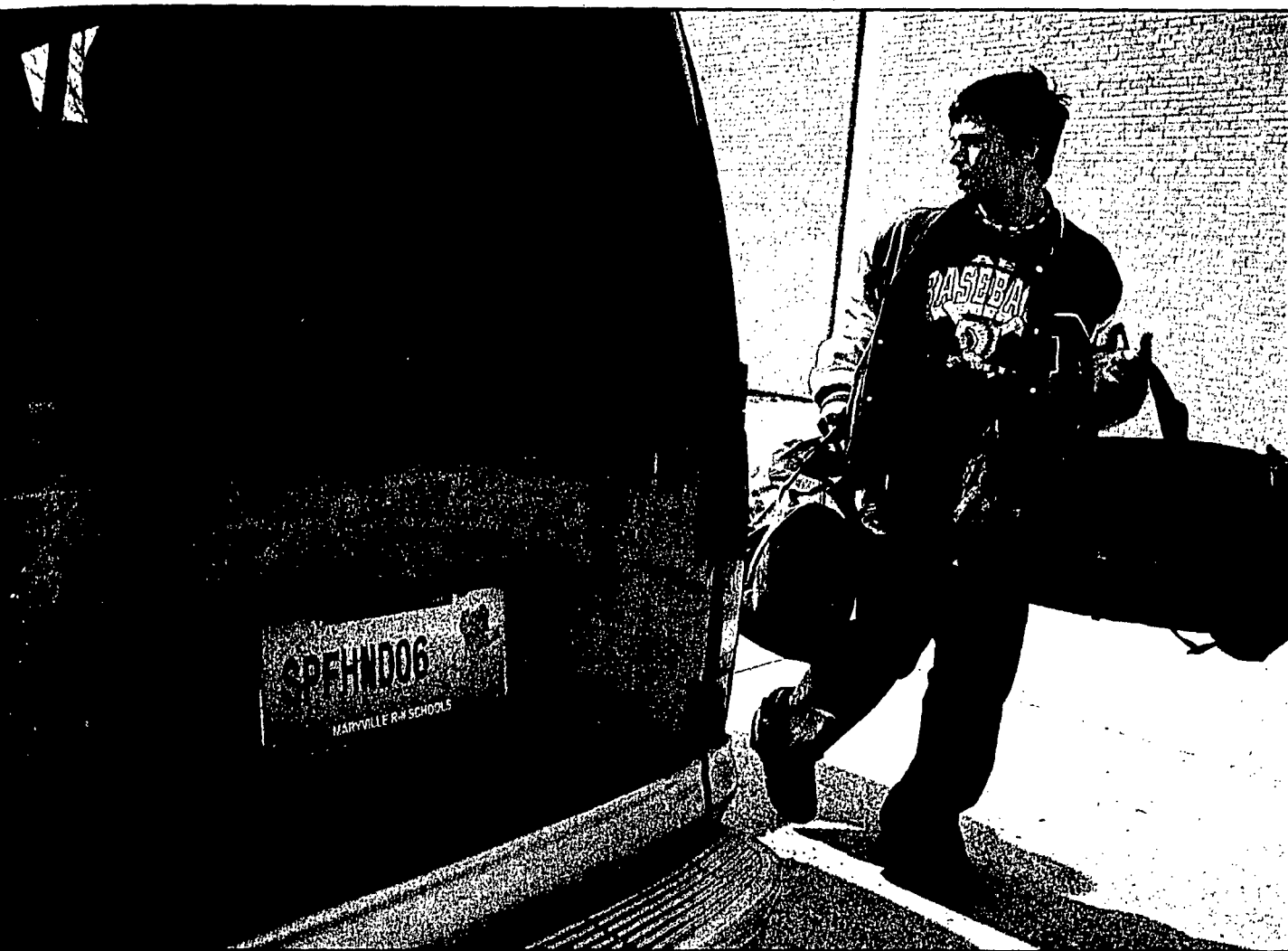


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Skyler Vandiver loads his bags in preparation for the MSHSAA Class 1 State Wrestling Championships. Vandiver, along with six other Spoofounds begins competition today in pursuit of the individual state championships as well as the team title. For more see page 1B.

BY ANDY TIMKO  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Even of Maryville's wrestlers are making the trip to Columbia to represent themselves and their team at the Class 1 State Championship. Junior Cody Gillenwater and seniors Justin Tuggle, Justin Driskell, Colby Tnut, Daniel Blair, Skyler Vandiver and Ryan Schleusner all qualified for the first year without sectional

qualifying.

Drake believes that each of his wrestlers competing at state have a good chance of finishing the season strong.

"We really believe we were in one of the toughest districts in Class 1," he said. "There is no doubt that every kid we are taking has the opportunity to place, now it's going to be up to them to get it done."

Over the past couple years the Spoofounds have sent an average of five wrestlers per year to the championship,

but according to Drake, two extra teammates can help the chances of winning a team title.

"The way the system is set up now, you have to have numbers to compete," Drake said. "You definitely have to take numbers down or you have no chance at all."

The competition began this morning at 8 at the Hearnes Center and will continue through Saturday night. If any of the seven 'Hounds make it to the finals, the duals will begin at 5 p.m.

## Farmers not happy about bulked rice

BY DENNIS SHARKEY  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

With all of the excitement surrounding the transformation of Northwest in the biopharmaceutical capitol, some farmers in southeast Missouri are not so excited.

Donn Beighly, professor at Southeast Missouri State University and rice breeder, said farmers in the area perceive that their rice production will be affected by the world market. He also said farmers have heard foreign buyers will not buy rice from states that grow genetically modified rice.

Other concerns are that if the rice did cross-pollinate, what effects it would have, and if the rice would be safe for human consumption.

"Farmers want to know if the scientific idea of what they're trying to do is sound, as far as the products they plan to pro-

duce," Beighly said. "If the gene gets into the consumer market what will it affect and they don't know what tests have been done to alleviate those concerns."

Frank Veeman, special assistant to President Dean Hubbard, said the same questions have been asked and answered over and over again and there are plenty of studies that answer those questions.

Veeman said rice is closed-pollinated and studies show that the farthest rice pollen ever travels is 24 feet and most fields will be four miles from any other fields.

Tuesday, Hubbard and Ventria President and CEO Scott Deeter along with lawmakers met with the concern groups. Hubbard said the meeting went well, and this is the normal process gone through with something like this.

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## Vergith pleads guilty, sentencing hearing next

BY DOMNICK HADLEY  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Former firefighter Scott Vergith pled guilty to two counts of felony arson Monday, for his involvement in the March 2004 burning of a Maryville home.

A sentencing hearing has been set for March 28, following the completion of a pre-sentencing investigation.

Vergith was arrested in March 11, 2004, in front of the burning home located at 510 S. Main.

Monday's plea comes nearly a year after Vergith's initial arrest and almost six months after he pled guilty to two counts of class D felony arson for torching a car and construction trailer in Mound City, Mo.

Vergith was sentenced to serve 120 days of a four-year prison sentence, along with five years of probation for the Mound City

fires.

Vergith's attorney Syd Weybrew expressed concern about his client's recent plea for fear that he would not be "appropriately punished."

Nonetheless, prosecuting attorney David Baird plans to ensure that Vergith receive the appropriate punishment for the Maryville fire — a maximum 14 year sentence, seven years for each count. Baird plans to seek that length on each count.

"We don't know what our argument will be to the judge until we see the results of the pre-sentence investigation," Baird said. "However, given the fact that we charged him and convicted him of multiple counts likely means that we will be seeking extended penitentiary time."

"One of the things we are seeking is punishment for the prior offenses and another is to ensure that the public is safe because he is in prison," he said.

## Northwest alum premieres independent film

BY KYLIE McDONOUGH  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Northwest students will be given the opportunity to delve into the world of super powers and bravery.

A Northwest graduate is set to premiere his self-made movie, "Ted," Friday, Feb. 18, at 8:45 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

Aaron Phares, who graduated in December with a broadcast major, plans to show the movie to various festivals and competitions. If it proves successful, Phares hopes his career keeps moving in that direction.

"I hope to pursue acting," Phares said. "After submitting the movie, we'll see what comes of it. I am definitely looking in that direction as a possibility."

Phares' 30-minute film "Ted" tells the story of a

superhero called upon to save his city from an "evil duo" of villains. The only problem? Ted is an average, ordinary guy with no super powers, which can cause problems later.

"It's kind of a tragedy really," Phares said. "I wanted to stay off the beaten path a little bit."

"Ted" started developing in Phares' mind during the summer of 2003, when working at Energizer / Eveready Battery Co. in Maryville. During the fall and into December that same year, he produced a script.

No auditions were held for the movie, because Phares had people in mind for the different parts. The lead character, Ted, was based on a specific person—Danny Burns, a friend of Phares'. Burns also recently graduated from Northwest as an Interactive Digital Media major.

"I was happy to help out," Burns said. "It was a lot of fun, and Aaron deserves much of the credit because of the amount of time and effort he put into this film. This is one of the better student productions in

the last five years. It's technically produced and very well edited."

Since graduating, Phares temporarily works in Environmental Services on campus doing custodial work in the residence halls. Phares spends this semester looking for work.

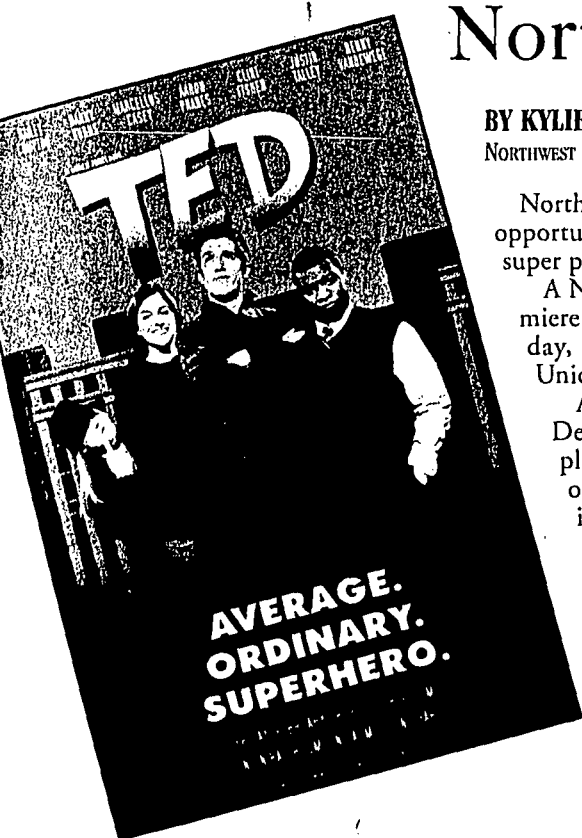
"It's yet to be determined where I will be living and working," Phares said. "I am using this semester looking around for contacts."

Burns plans for a lot of people to show up.

"Originally we planned on just close friends," Burns said. "Since the past two weeks it has gotten a lot of attention from many different newspapers. I hope people from the community and the mass communications department come to see a job that is well done."

Phares, also, looks forward to a good turnout to see his movie.

"I have had quite a few people come up to me and tell me they plan on seeing my movie," Phares said. "I want people to see it and find out what they think of it."



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## State Senate takes first step in renaming five state universities, still must face house

BY DAVID A. LIEB  
UNIVERSITY PRESS

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — With the backing of the University of Missouri, lawmakers stood down from an all-night filibuster and endorsed legislation Tuesday that would grant Southwest Missouri State University a more prestigious statewide name.

The 23-7 first-round vote marked a re-emerging victory for the Springfield school's two-decade-long effort to become Missouri State University. But the bill still needs a second vote to go to the Senate, where a different version of the name-change bill was defeated last year. Lawmakers endorsed the legislation Tuesday after 6:30 a.m. — nearly 14 hours after the debate began. It was the Senate's all-night debate in at least 20 years,

and likely longer, although there are no records to verify that.

The vote came after senators roused University of Missouri President Elson Floyd and Southwest Missouri State University President John Keiser with 3:30 a.m. phone calls proposing an amendment that saddled the Springfield institution with academic restrictions in exchange for the name change.

The language — drawn largely from previous recommendations by Floyd — was adopted with hardly any objection after Floyd sent an e-mail encouraging filibuster leader Sen. Chuck Graham, D-Columbia, to give up.

"There is no doubt that the name Missouri State University designates the University of Missouri, but the political realities of the General Assembly suggest otherwise," Floyd wrote in the e-mail. "I respectfully request that (you) move on and address the important issues facing higher education in our state."

Keiser commended Floyd Tuesday for being

willing to negotiate an agreement to make the name change happen.

"We're very pleased. It's an important first step," Keiser said. "I also appreciate Dr. Floyd because we did come to an agreement that we had talked about for five or six weeks, and I think we will be able to do things for students that none of us could have done alone."

Sponsoring Sen. Norma Champion, R-Springfield, pledged to try to send to bill to Republican Gov. Matt Blunt — a Springfield native — by the March 17 centennial of the school. Blunt had declared the bill a priority, dispatching staff to monitor it through the night.

Blunt said Tuesday he supports the legislation.

"I think it's a good solution," Blunt said. "Certainly, as a supporter of the name change, I have consistently said that it doesn't mean we're in any way di-

### NEW NAMES, ANYONE?

If Senate Bill XX is approved by the House of Representatives, several Missouri universities could see changes in their names.

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	Proposed: Missouri State University
	Now: Missouri Western State College
	Proposed: Missouri Western State University



Now: Central Missouri State University  
Proposed: University of Central Missouri



Now: Missouri Southern State University-Joplin  
Proposed: Missouri Southern State University



Now: Harris Stowe State College  
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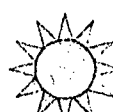
minishing the University of Missouri's role as the flagship institution of the state."

Although some alumni vigorously fought the legislation, the University of Missouri Board of Curators declined to take a public position on the name change

at a meeting last week. Instead, Floyd outlined provisions intended to protect the university system.

Provisions added to the bill would prohibit

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Friday  
High 38  
Low 20



Saturday  
High 41  
Low 32



Sunday  
High 46  
Low 24

# Volunteers available for free assistance with income taxes

BY BRENT CHAPPELOW  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Students and low-income community members struggling with income tax preparation can turn to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at Northwest, for free assistance.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program allows the University to provide the service to clients free of charge. The Accounting Society and the Institution of Management Accountants also co-sponsor the program, available from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday through April 4 in 3400 Colden Hall.

The students who help prepare the returns also benefit from the program.

"It gives them real-life experience about what they're going to do when they get out on the job with respect to tax preparation," said assistant professor of accounting, economics

and finance Roger Woods. "That's why we don't do it electronically. We do it manually so they can understand how it works."

The process for filing the returns starts with an interview covering important information for preparing the income tax return.

Students work Monday and Wednesday nights, and most returns are completed by the following week.

"Depending on whether it's just a Missouri state return, we'll have them done in a week, but if it's from

another state besides Missouri it's usually two weeks," volunteer Eric Lopata said. "It's two weeks for international students, too."

Woods has assisted with the income tax preparation program for the past 23 years at Northwest, and said that more than 100 people used the service last year, resulting in more than 400 returns being filed.

Woods emphasized the importance of the program.

"The whole purpose of this-what the IRS would like us to do-is to train the people that come in here to prepare their own returns; but nobody wants to learn how to prepare returns," Woods said.

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PHOTO BY MASAKI OYATA/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Jennifer Reinbold helps Matthew Moore with his income tax preparation. Free tax preparation for students and qualifying local residents will be held Mondays from 6:30 - 8:30 through April 4, in Colden Hall 3400.

## Northwest offers lessons on financial aid

BY BEN KOEHN  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

As college seniors rush to finish classes and leave college, high school seniors must begin the rush to college and maybe more importantly, rush to find the money to pay for college.

Sunday, a large turnout of parents and high school seniors filled the computer lab in Colden Hall 1200 for "College Goal Sunday," a program that is held in several states across the nation.

The goal of the program is to educate and assist families in the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

"I don't think it's that difficult (to fill out the FAFSA forms). It's the getting the taxes done this early that's hard," said Cheryl Cornell, who attended College Goal Sunday as a refresher for when she sends her

second child to college next year.

For the past two years, "College Goal Sunday" provided Missourians with assistance in applying for government loans and grants to help pay for college. Del Morley, director of financial aid at Northwest, said that the emphasis of the program is to just get people to fill out the forms in the first place. Many college-bound students don't fill out the FAFSA because it may seem like a lot of work.

"Especially first generation people; you know, students (who) no one in their family's gone to college before," Morley said. "There's a real intimidation with not only the form, but the whole process and we're trying to take that intimidation away."

"I think definitely there are some people that do (get anxious when it comes to filling out the FAFSA),

and it scares some to the point where they go and hire people. They get a tax person or somebody to help them fill it out, which isn't really necessary."

"College Goal Sunday" invites families to come to a two-hour afternoon workshop where they can learn about the FAFSA, ask questions about financial aid and get step-by-step help in filling out the forms from trained professionals.

The course also emphasizes the advantages of filling out the FAFSA online. There is only a limited amount of money available to students through the government. Completing the FAFSA online allows applicants to receive a response within a few days, while forms sent through the mail may take several weeks for a response. Morley said the difference between a few days and a few weeks could mean a world

of difference in the amount of money an applicant is eligible for.

"College Goal Sunday" was a success, as more people attended than last year. Morley hopes that the program helped those who attended in beginning the process of applying for federal loans.

"I'm not sure that I learned like anything like crucial about how the government systems work, but (I) figured out you know little tricks on how you would go about filling out the FAFSA," said Maryville senior Adam Knorr, who plans to attend Northwest next year as an English major.

"College Goal Sunday" has been offered in states for more than 10 years and originated in Indiana. The program took place at eight locations last year and 23 locations this year.

## Contest offers students chance to create cover art and win prizes

BY SARAH TAYLOR  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Information Systems Department is having their second annual "Take the Cover Art Challenge." The artwork will be displayed on the Computer User's Guide to the Electronic Campus, which is dispersed and seen by 1,700 viewers.

The winning cover designer will receive a 128 MB USB PEN drive with a flash drive and two copies of the completed User's Guide to keep in their portfolio; valued at \$40.

Entries for "Take the Cover Art Challenge" must be submitted to the Client Computing Office by Feb. 25, at 5 p.m., located inside Owens Library.

"I think it is a professional development opportunity and is wonderful because they can keep all of their student work," said Kim Todd in the Client Computing Office. "It is much better than a floppy disk."

Designs are entered on a gray scale or in black-and-white. Color preferences for designs may be put on the mission form. Text used must be readable and not blend with the background images.

"It's kinda spiffy. I think it's a great way to get artistic minds helping with a project," Jake Abrahamson, freshman said. "Plus, the USB PEN Drive would be nice."

Five judges from the University Relations and Fine Arts Department will critique designs submitted by students. The judges will narrow the entries down to three. The winner will receive the USB PEN drive, and the runners-up will receive a letter of appreciation. The winner will be announced towards the end of March.

Those with further questions should contact Kim Todd for assistance at 562-1634 or Craig Ward at 562-1644.

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# Collection covers decades of music

Northwest employee catalogues near century popular music hits

DALLAS READ  
Northwest Missourian

Under a soft layer of static, the sound of Johnny Hamp's 1927 hit record, "Dawning," can be heard throughout the basement. Trumpet, flute and saxophone notes reverberate from the single speaker underneath Ron Heller's record player as he stands a few feet in front of it, slowly nodding his head to the beat. "It looks pretty nice and black, doesn't it?" Heller asks, while tapping his foot to the first record he ever bought. Heller, who works as a materials handler for Northwest, purchased the record in 1963 for 25 cents, and since that year Heller has managed to conglomerate more than 40,000 records in his basement. "It's an interesting hobby," Heller said. "You've got to have a lot of room in your house, and you've got to have a pretty understanding wife." Heller's basement contains 24 large wooden shelves, which he built to embrace this extensive collection. Each shelf seems to be almost as high as the walls, simulating an entire

maze of records. "I haven't found them all, (but) I'm still working," Heller said. "The early records aren't really hard to find."

The musical timeframe of his record collection spans nearly 100 years, from early recordings in 1901 to recordings in 1996. Heller's collection features most types of music, from Chopin's piano solos, to performances from Frank Sinatra.

"When I started to collect records, I did get some Frank Sinatra records," Heller said. "He can get about as much out of a song as anybody. You want that reflection in somebody's voice that they're living the song, and he was able to do that."

Heller has traveled to record stores located all over the Midwest, in search of any popular music ranging from early 1900s to hits from the 1950s. He collects mainly 45 Revolutions Per Minute records (16,000) and 78 rpm records (24,000), not the giant standard 33 rpm albums popular in the 1960s and 1970s.

Spending close to 12 hours per week on his collection, Heller has

catalogued virtually all of his record recordings made between the 1920s and 1950s.

He also transferred most of his music to over 3,000 different tapes, so he can hear his favorite music outside of his basement.

"I have all kinds of records, but mostly my music is popular, or what was popular," Heller said. "If you go to play (tapes) on the radio station, people want to hear the stuff that they know and remember."

The soft layer of static is the only audible sound left after the record player's needle reaches the white inner-label of the black album. The final notes of

"Dawning" have faded out, as Heller still nods his head to the lifeless rhythm. He suddenly begins to speak of his favorite time period of music, and the fact that his collection may never be complete.

"I still like to listen to music from the late 1920s; dance and band records," Heller said. "That really is my favorite kind of music, and I still like to find those records."

"Records will last a long time if you take care of them," he said.

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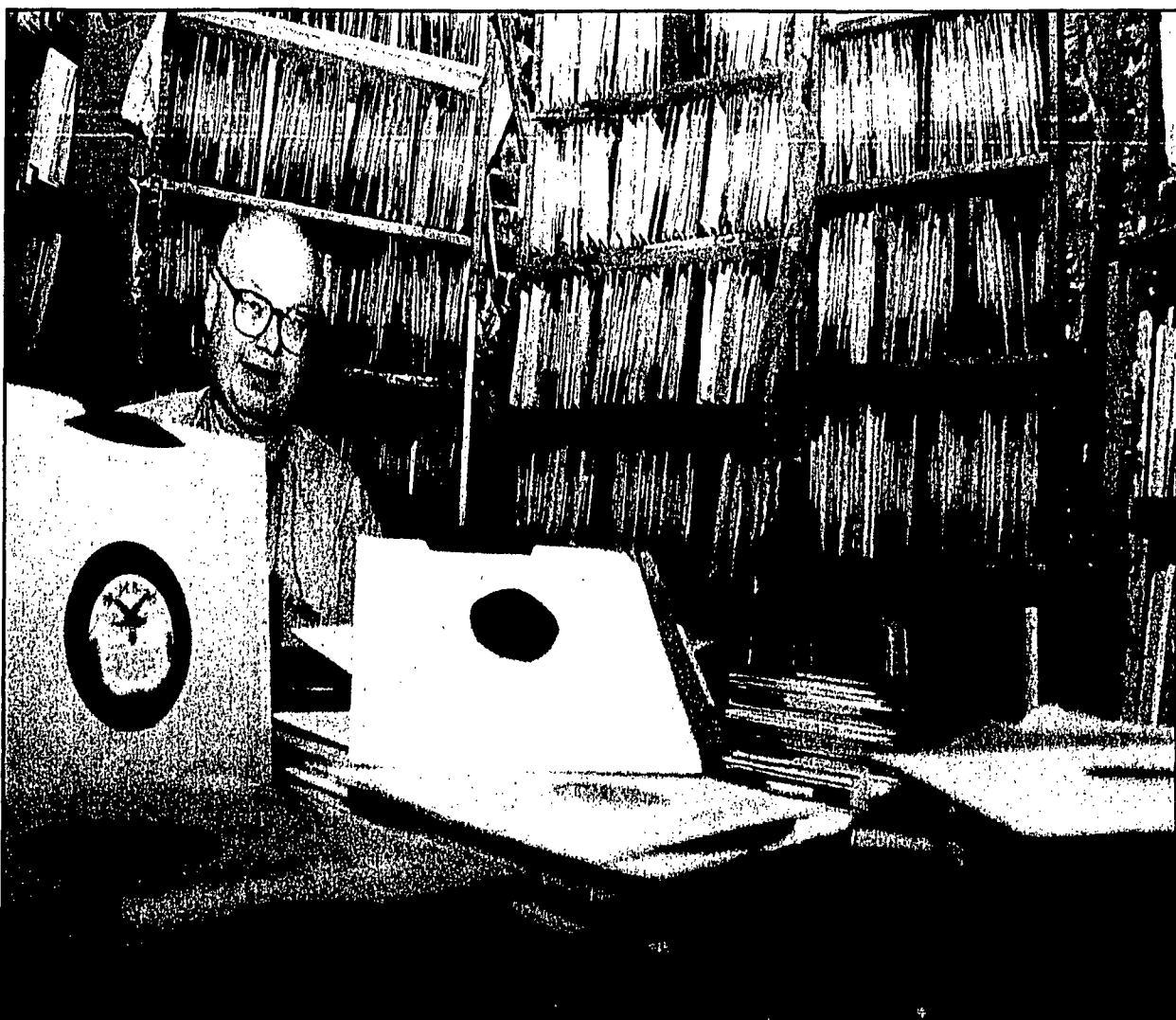


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Northwest Materials Handler Ron Heller sits in his basement surrounded by shelves of his enormous record collection. Heller has collected more than 40,000 records covering popular music hits from 1901 to 1996.



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Dana Nally (left) works the phones with Belinda Von Behren to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association during a benefit last week at the Hangar. Nally, VonBehren were able to raise \$600 to benefit the MDA charity.

## Local benefit raises \$9,000 for Muscular Dystrophy

BY DENNIS SHARKEY  
Northwest Missourian

Some Nodaway County residents were arrested last week to help raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The lockup program, run by the MDA, visits northwest Missouri communities about 22 times per year to help fund the charity. Volunteers this year raised \$9,000.

In conjunction with the fundraiser, volunteers were arrested at their homes or offices and brought to the Hangar confined in a mock jail cell until they were able to raise \$600 bail.

The money raised benefits the volunteers' communities, according to MDA district director Reid Johannsen.

Johannsen said that the money raised serves a threefold mission with the first being to provide treatments and therapies for individuals affected by the disease, including providing equipment like wheelchairs and leg braces.

"We provide services not only to the individuals who have the disease, but also the families and caregivers, and those people who are at home all day long giving care," Johannsen

said. "We give support to those families that have dealt with someone who has passed away, and getting them back into the normal way of living and back into the community."

Another project funded by the charity is the MDA Summer Camp, which sends affected children to a one-week camp in Linwood, Kan.

Johannsen believes that it is a very important element of MDA because it shows the kids they are not alone in their daily struggles.

"They get the ability to share a week with other kids who have similar challenges," Johannsen said. "They get to share time with people just like them and it's really the best week out of the year for them."

The Northwest Missouri MDA sends between 70 to 75 kids to camp each year. The camp is staffed by volunteers who are paired up with a camper. The camp cost \$600 for each child, which is the monetary goal for each volunteer.

Some volunteers got some strange responses when they called people to tell them they've been arrested for MDA.

"I had one person that was completely silent and thought it was for real," said North

Nodaway Elementary principal Dana Nally. "I've also had a few people wanting to know how much money they had to pay to keep us here."

Nally also brought her colleague, second grade teacher Belinda VonBehren.

VonBehren said that the children have been really involved in raising money and had a good start due to the money raised by the students which totaled \$283.

"They were all really excited and they have been a big part," VonBehren said. "Some kids are really curious. They want to know if I'm really going to jail and I've played it up a little bit for them."

Although community volunteers play a significant role in the function, Johannsen said that local firefighters play a big role in the benefit's success. They account for about 40 percent of all funds raised by MDA. The most recognizable contribution of the firefighters is the "Fill the Boot" program where firefighters stand on street corners collecting money.

"Unfortunately we don't do that anymore," Rickabaugh said. "This is an alternative way for us to stay active, and it's also a good way to get out of the station and talk to people."

## Public Safety cracking down on MIP violations

More than 20 citations issued January 27-28

BY SAMUEL MUCHIRI  
Northwest Missourian

Maryville Public Safety issued more than 20 citations to establishments over a two-day period for serving alcohol to minors.

The citations were issued during routine Bar Patrols and Compliance checks on January 27-28. During the bar patrols, Public Safety circulated through bars to ensure alcohol is not being sold to minors. In regards to compliance checks, minors with legitimate identification cards are sent into the business in an attempt to purchase alcoholic drinks.

According to public safety director Keith Wood, officers visited eight package stores, three restaurants and

five bars over the two-day period.

Lucky's Bar and Grill was cited for MIP and sales case violations. However, Lucky's wasn't the only business reprimanded for MIP violations. Paglia's Pizza and La Bonita Mexican Restaurant were also cited.

"I am all for the compliance checks and I think they are good thing and we train our staff to identify them and hopefully they won't get us again," Paglia's owner Nathan Klaas said.

La Bonita Mexican Restaurant was cited for the first time but owner Jorge Salazar says that he now double-checks identification cards for anyone ordering alcohol.

"I am worried about the business's reputation and I won't let it happen again," Salazar said.

The Pub was the only bar that passed the series of compliance checks.

"The biggest responsibility falls on my shoulders because the license is in my name, but when employees are here it's their responsibility to check to make sure we want people who are old enough that are supposed to be here," Pub owner John Yates said.

Wood understands that keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors is difficult. However, he expects local establishments to put forth a genuine effort to stop such violations from occurring.

"We appreciate that we live in a college environment, but we expect for the folks that are in the bar business or any business selling alcohol to give a great degree of diligence to not selling to minors," Wood said.

"When you have the number of violations that Lucky's has it would appear that they are not putting forth much effort to control it."

## Women's health fair to promote awareness, heart disease prevention

BY TRAVIS SHIPPEN  
Northwest Missourian

In an effort to promote healthy living and increase awareness about heart disease prevention, St. Francis Hospital and Health Services will sponsor a health fair on from 8 to 11 p.m., Feb. 22, at the Maryville Medical Center across the street from St. Francis Hospital and Health Services.

During the fair, women of all ages will have the opportunity to learn more about health issues including nutrition, exercises and medications through presentations.

"The American Heart Association's Go Red nationwide

campaign is to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease and give women the knowledge and motivation to take charge of their health," said Teri Harr, St. Francis' health education coordinator.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both women and men in the United States, according to the American Heart Association.

In 2001, 700,142 people died of heart disease—accounting for 29 percent of overall deaths in the United States.

More than 90 women died of heart disease from 2000-2002, according to Missouri Department of Health and Senior Ser-

vices statistics.

"You can do a lot to prevent cardiovascular disease and stroke," Harr said. "It begins by learning all you can about these serious health threats and working to reduce your risks."

The health fair is free to the public; however, display space is currently full. Another health fair will be scheduled later this year.

Persons interested in registering for the next fair should call the St. Francis Community Relations/Development department at 562-7933.

Women attending the health fair are encouraged to wear red and receive a free gift.

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OFFICIAL PORTRAIT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S TRIUMPHANT RETURN TO FRANCE

## Political stereotypes, labels foster discrimination

### My View



Pete Gutschenritter  
Convergence

Liberal. Conservative. Moderate. Nazism. Hillary Rodham Clinton. George W. Bush.

These six words have been used as weapons of mass destruction—amongst Americans, not purported

terrorists.

The way people sling these words at each other is sickening. What's worse, is they keep the country divided, and a long ways from prosperity.

As a consumer of print and TV news, and as a member of the local media, I'm used to reading about our so-called political leaders—in Maryville, Northwest Missouri and Washington, D.C.—throwing mud across the aisles.

But just as I was ready to assail on those individuals, it hit me: mud slinging is alive and well right here at *The Northwest Missourian*.

In Stephanie Stangl's column, "Decreasing federal education allotment not wise"—which appeared in last week's *Missourian*—she writes: "I have hated Bush from the day he sent every husband, brother, uncle, cousin or friend over to fight because he thought Saddam Hussein might possess Weapons of Mass Destruction."

Saying you hate your president, whether you're for or against the Iraqi War, does nothing but derail progression towards a united country.

On the same page, Aaron Bailey's column, "Liberals don't have market cornered on stupidity," helps further outline the divide that exists. Labeling himself "a liberal," Bailey ridicules Ward Churchill, a University of Colorado-Boulder professor, for his comments comparing the 9/11 victims to Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime. Bailey later talks about Ann Coulter, calling her a "conservative moulterpiece," and draws a line in the sand, saying: "Both liberals and conservatives have their share of morons." But since when was the country portrayed as such a black and white? For or against-type of community?

So-called "conservatives" don't get off the hook easy either. Over the last couple of weeks, a lot has been made about Hillary Clinton making a possible run for president in 2008, and

how she's "streaming towards the middle." Fox News analyst Sean Hannity wrote Clinton off immediately, saying her recent move is for political power only, and nothing more.

These three examples show just how politically divided this country is, three months after Bush was re-elected president. Having an opinion is fine, but writing an entire administration or political group off before even researching or discussing an issue won't get you anywhere.

I say all this, not because I want to ruffle people's feathers, but to remove them—just for a minute—from this disarray that is political banter.

Instead of using the words "hate," "liberal," "conservative," or "moderate," try this word on for size: discussion. And then once a discussion occurs, try this word: understanding.

If people across the campus and the country can do those things, this country might be able to re-unite.

## Student protest proves especially disappointing for reader

The fight for the Mighty Horse Chestnut is the most pathetic random student protest I have seen in years. For those of you who don't know what the situation is all about, here is a summary: There is a giant tree between Hudson Hall and Mabel Cook, only one of its kind on campus, and it's going to be torn down to make room for the new residence halls on campus. To see what all the commotion was about I got online to research the Horse Chestnut, expecting to read about how it was filled with rubies and produced rainbows that cured cancer.

I was disappointed to discover that it produces bitter nuts, has bark that can be used as a diuretic and nothing else too exciting. I also looked on the University Arboretum's list of current trees on campus of which more are desired; 39 trees, no Horse Chestnut. Anyway, sounds like a valiant thing to protest about right? Well let's look at the alternatives to cutting it down: 1) It'd cost \$60,000 to uproot the tree and move it, and the chances of it surviving would be slim, but it could be done. 2) If the new halls were built around the tree then construction

would be pushed back one to two years, but the resulting construction would allow students' view out their window to be blocked by a giant tree. 3) If it was cut down then more multiple Horse Chestnuts could be planted for about \$80 apiece, but then we'd have more than one which is too "look at me." Hmmm. Now let's look at what has been done to protest the barbaric tree slaying: a yellow ribbon was tied around the tree. That's it? I would have liked to be there for that brainstorming session: "How should we protest this?"

"Um, I think there was a song about a tree once, maybe it had a ribbon?"

"Yeah, but that was an oak tree." "Oh you want to watch *Fern Gully* again?"

There's got to be a better way to protest. How about chaining yourself to the tree, or a giant symbolic garbage bag like we saw last year, maybe a \$60,000 bake sale? Whatever the choice, best of luck hippies.

NATHAN RIVERA  
INTERACTIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

### University Wire

Free speech apparently does not count for much in Pennsylvania. The famed First Amendment protection has succumbed to the supposed virtue of tolerance in the "city of brotherly love."

On Oct. 10, Christians peacefully participated in an evangelism outreach effort during a homosexual event known as Outfest in Philadelphia. Michael Marcavage of Repent America and ten other people sang, read from the Bible and preached to those who gathered to celebrate homosexuality, according to WorldNetDaily.

With video cameras rolling, the police arrested the evangelists after they were surrounded by the Pink Angels, a group of volunteer homosexual security guards. Displeased with the presence of the Christians, the security detail obstructed their path, blew whistles and waved giant pink placards to disguise the evangelists' signs, which included Bible verses.

While one would assume the police were only trying to protect the vocal minority, officials filed felony and misdemeanor charges against the Christian protesters including

criminal conspiracy, possession of instruments of crime, reckless endangerment of another person, ethnic intimidation, riot, failure to disperse, disorderly conduct and obstructing highways, according to WorldNetDaily. Under the guise of hate-crime legislation, the city of Philadelphia suggested that it is illegal to publicly say anything that might upset certain segments of the population.

This absurdity threatens one of the most precious rights of Americans: the freedom to speak in public.

Regardless of what one believes or practices, people have a constitutionally protected right to voice their opinions. Just because some people enjoy smoking does not mean they can silence those who declare the negative consequences of the action. Likewise, for any group to be immune from criticism or to benefit from censorship is not only legally wrong, it's morally repugnant.

JOSH DWYER  
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### Your View

What was the last good deed you did for someone or was done for you?



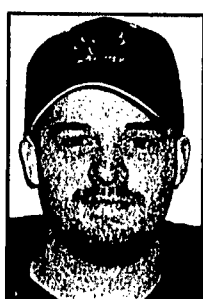
"I was taken on a wonderful date out to dinner to A&G's restaurant here in Maryville."

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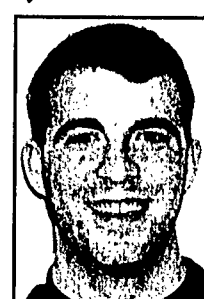
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"I gave a friend in dire need a ride to the hospital."

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### Our View

## Tuition hike

Gov. Blunt ought to change his focus and worry about keeping tuition increases at bay

Gov. Matt Blunt's feeble attempt to provide Missouri colleges and universities resources to offer affordable tuition rates is more dangerous than the numbers would suggest.

While Northwest prepares to operate on a similar operating budget in the fiscal year 2005-06, tuition will raise 3.9 percent.

But the larger concern is the direction Blunt and the general assembly are guiding higher education. This comes after a four-year period that saw record increases across the state.

According to a state audit report, the 16 percent average increase in tuition between the 2001-02 and 2002-03 school year was the highest in the nation.

At Northwest, tuition in 2001-02 was \$125 per credit hour for in-state students and \$207.25 for out-of-state students. In the 2005-06 school year, the proposed increases will cost in-state students \$172 per credit hour and \$306 for out-of-state students.

Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services, told *The Northwest Missourian* if the state's financial condition does not improve in terms of money appropriated from the state, "we are going to have to consider other program fees in order to keep tuition down."

This is Blunt's plan of making higher education affordable again. "It is critical that Missouri's public institutions work together and support each other's efforts to maximize these strengths," Blunt said in a press release.

But in that same report, he pledges his support for a Southwest Missouri State University name change—an issue that has long divided the general assembly.

Instead of worrying about name changes, Jefferson City lawmakers should find ways to generate more revenue appropriate to universities, which have been on the decline over the last four years.

At Northwest, state appropriations generated 52.3 percent of Northwest's revenue in 2001. In 2004, that figure dropped to 45.2 percent. Expect that number to remain stagnant at best. Nothing is done in Jefferson City to improve those figures, expect tuition to continue to increase.

Northwest administrators are doing as good a job as possible under these tough times, but they are not receiving the state backing they deserve.

Before the governor and legislators continue to cover up the state funding troubles surrounding higher education, they must first look at what institutions mean to a community.

Lewis Diuguid, of *The Kansas City Star*, paints a strong picture in his June 4, 2004 column, "Cuts at colleges cheat the future":

"Governments and educational institutions should serve as vanguards of community standards. When governments slash financial contributions to higher education, they're cutting (an institution's) ability to help maintain community standards."

The state of Missouri must look itself in the mirror, starting with Blunt. What does the Governor see higher education providing to communities across the state? If he wants institutions to progress, he will enforce changes in a funding formula across higher education. Instead of deliberating over university name changes, Blunt should develop a five-year plan to help tuition become affordable again.

The trend over the previous five years has taken more and more money out of students' pockets. Blunt must heed that message: students can't take more of the same.

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# Organizations aim for responsibility

ARISSA EBELING  
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Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Week at Northwest brings Responsibility Awareness to

Several different organizations sponsored the week this year, including Peer Education, the Counseling Center, the Health Center, RHA, and Healthy International. All of these organizations contribute to the week in one manner or another, planning different activities for each day, each with a different emphasis.

"We've always had a goal of edu-

cational programming," said Sophomore Kara Wells, RHA Executive Board member.

Monday, students had the opportunity to participate in a hands-on experience with the week through signing the bed in the Union or writing their feelings about love and relationships on the wall of compassion. That activity continues all week. Tuesday's theme, "Friends Priceless," included a game in which friend got to see how well they knew each other. Wednesday students played a game called "Sex-Tac-To" in which they answered trivia questions on the topic of sexually transmitted diseases.

Thursday Night at the Union features dance lessons as part of this week's activities, and Friday night students have the opportunity to attend a viewing and discussion of the movie American Pie.

"Our main goal is to show people a good time but also give them something educational to take away with it," Wells said. "It's important that people know what they can do to be safe."

In a week usually focused on dating relationships, the Counseling Center decided to take a different approach.

Although the goal of the week fo-

cuses on increased awareness of what it means to be sexually responsible, Liz Wood, director of the Counseling Center, says that fulfilling friendships also hold importance.

The Counseling Center chose to focus on friendships and treating friends in a respectful manner.

"Part of the reason we did a focus on friendship is because there was such a focus on Valentine's Day," Wood said. "Healthy relationships don't have to be with a significant other. The joy of friendship is also fulfilling."

Love Week runs from February 14 to February 18.



A parking officer issues a citation to one of the more than 20 television trucks parked outside Michael Jackson's hospital room. Jackson is battling the flu.

## Monologues aimed at decreasing crime

MEGAN CRAWFORD  
WEST MISSOURIAN

Some view the *Vagina Monologues* as a feminist man-bashing movement, according to director Maria Swope, the play is actually a movement to decrease violent crimes against women.

Violence of any kind is something we need to stop," Swope said. "We're trying to reach everyone. We want people to leave their egos at the door and listen to what everyone has to

The *Vagina Monologues* attempts to educate the audience on everything from a woman's first menstrual cycle to violent acts of rape. It also encourages people not to be ashamed of sexuality. "We are trying to stop that feeling of shame as people discuss the female anatomy," Swope said. "It's about not being afraid to talk about women's issues without turning it into something feminist."

*Vagina Monologues* started in 2000 as a renowned playwright and women's rights activist Eve Ensler led a movement that would later become known as V-Day. This serves as an international movement to stop violent crimes from happening to women all over the world. The movement originated to educate and en-

courage females and males to stand up and do something to stop these violent crimes from occurring.

"*Vagina Monologues* is not about sex, it's about sexuality," Northwest professor and cast member Lauren Leach said. "Sex is an act. Sexuality is a very rich part of the human experience."

Leach, fascinated with the premise of V-Day and the initiative to fight against such violence, has a personal reason to want to be a part of this fight.

"I am a rape survivor," Leach said. "To be able to admit it is showing that you are not ashamed."

Everybody involved in the *Vagina Monologues* encourages not just females to go to the show, hoping that men will better understand the women in their lives.

*Vagina Monologues* will be performed Feb. 17-19 at 7 p.m. at the Wesley Center. Ticket prices are \$7 for students and \$9 for adults. All proceeds go to the Children and Family Center of Northwest Missouri, and Northwest's chapter of Amnesty International sponsors the production.

"It's nice because the money goes right down the street," Swope said. "It goes to helping the women in our community; our mothers, our sisters and our wives."

## NAMES: Five universities' names could be changed

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Missouri State University from seeking the land-grant and research designations held by the University of Missouri. They also would bar the Springfield school from offering any professional programs that duplicate those at the University of Missouri, such as training for doctors, lawyers and architects.

Floyd had additionally sought a legislative commitment not to give a greater percentage funding increase to Southwest Missouri State than to the University of Missouri. But the adopted amendment states only that the new name does not entitle the Springfield school to any additional state money.

Champion said the university would seek more state money, as it would regardless of its name.

Since 1993, the Springfield university has raised the average ACT college entrance exam score of its students, more than doubled its graduate programs and adopted a statewide public affairs mission and board of governors. Southwest Missouri State now has more students than any other directionally named school in the nation, Champion argued.

"We firmly believe that we are a statewide university in every sense of the word, and once we are able to change this name — and drop this

southwest designation — that we will be able to attract students from out of state," Champion said.

A dejected Graham predicted that future lawmakers would try to give the Springfield school more of the traditional responsibilities of the University of Missouri.

"Politically, I can drag this out. But realistically, we've come to an end — at least in this body," Graham conceded Tuesday morning.

Democrats, including some who voted for the bill, had criticized Republicans for giving the name change so much time so early in a session that runs through mid-May. They used the opportunity to criticize Blunt's proposed cuts to Medicaid and mental health services.

The legislation also makes several less controversial name changes. The word "college" would be replaced with "university" for Missouri Western in St. Joseph and Harris-Stowe in St. Louis, and the city designator would be dropped from Missouri Southern State University-Joplin.

As amended, the legislation also would let the Board of Governors at Central Missouri State University choose whether to change the Warrensburg school's name to the University of Central Missouri.

## FARMERS: Not happy with proposed biopharming

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They (farmers) had good honest questions. It was a good session and people were very positive," Hubbard said. "If I were a farmer I would be curious about

sure, there are risks associated with doing anything; but there are also huge risks with doing anything." Hubbard believes the risk the farmers take is if the farming sector continues to decline, making this would only cause it to occur at a faster rate.

The federal government is withdrawing from subsidies now and what's going to happen to farmers when there are no subsidies?" Hubbard said. Hubbard also said the world market will not simply stand by while the U.S. and European countries subsidize their farm-

ers and essentially block their products, while at the same time we demand they open their markets for our products.

"Farmers if their going to make a decent living need to be in a value added agriculture and not in a commodity agriculture," Hubbard said. "If you're in commodity you're just selling rice and you're competing with the rest of the world. Income levels will find an equilibrium and that's just economics 101."

Deeter believes some people are not focusing on the big picture and are only concerned about their own self-interest, and human health is the real focus.

"We forget that there are major health issues we can address with the right technology," Deeter said. "When you focus too much on how you produce this or how you process it, you don't focus on the big picture goal, which is saving lives."

## Party displeased with Blunt's motives

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Missouri Democrats filed an ethics complaint Wednesday challenging a decision by Gov. Matt Blunt's administration to award a driver's license office to a Republican Senate staff member.

The Department of Revenue recently announced more than 100 people tentatively were awarded contracts to run license offices around the state. Among them is Martin "Bubs" Hohulin, a former House member who works for Sen. Carl Vogel, R-Jefferson City. Hohulin tentatively was given the Lamar license office.

Democrats said state law prohibits its state employees from doing work for an agency for compensation beyond their regular salary without a competitive bid.

Traditionally, license office contracts have been awarded without bids at the governor's discretion, often to political allies.

Hohulin said he hasn't decided whether to accept the contract, but that if he did, he would stay in the

Senate job and his wife would run the license office.

Blunt spokesman Paul Sloca said the governor does not believe the contract offer was illegal.

Shortly after taking office last month, Blunt announced plans to penalize license offices for errors and require them to be open more hours.

"It's unfortunate that Democrats would see these kind of improvements as ethical questions," Sloca said.

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## Jackson's jury delayed by flu

BY TIM MOLLOY  
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SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Jury selection in Michael Jackson's child-molestation case was delayed for the second time in two weeks, after the pop superstar was taken to an emergency room with flu-like symptoms.

Judge Rodney S. Melville on Tuesday delayed jury selection until Feb. 22, saying: "He has all the symptoms that we all have when we have the flu."

Jackson was being treated for a "flu-like illness with some vomiting," Dr. Chuck Merrill said Tuesday during a brief news conference at Marian Medical Center, about five hours after Jackson's illness was announced in court by the judge.

"He's in stable condition and we expect a full recovery," said Merrill, who would not answer questions.

Jackson's brother Randy told reporters the pop singer would spend the night in the hospital.

Earlier, as potential jurors filed into the courtroom — including a few who were scolded by bailiffs for being late — Jackson's seat remained empty. Nearly 20 minutes after the singer was scheduled to arrive, Melville announced that Jackson had been taken to a hospital.

He said the 46-year-old singer would need three or four days to recover and noted that several members of the jury pool were out with the flu and that it appeared to be going around.

The judge said Jackson had been on his way to court but was taken to a hospital emergency room instead.

Outside the hospital, about two miles from the courthouse, a growing crowd of about 50 fans and reporters gathered. Police officers guarded all entrances, stopping anyone who appeared to be with the news media, while hospital officials put up white fabric to hide what was going on in the emergency room.

Jury selection had already been delayed for a week because of the death of a defense attorney's sister.

The two sides are selecting 12 jurors and eight alternates who will decide whether Jackson molested a teenage cancer patient at his Neverland Ranch and plied the youngster with alcohol. The trial could last about six months.

Jackson carried tissues and was wiping his nose when he arrived at court Monday—the first day of questioning of prospective jurors. Jackson's lawyers also announced they may try to call such stars as Elizabeth Taylor, Jay Leno, Quincy Jones and Kobe Bryant to the stand.

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# iGeneration

BY KRISTINE HOTOP  
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A stroll down the street or to class can be accompanied with "your" song; the one that continues to impale the brain and lasts right through the day, only managing to recall the chorus "over and over again."

MP3 players became the "thing" in October 2001, when Apple introduced the public to its version of the music contraption. Unfortunately, the device was only worked with Macs and Apple's music download site, iTunes.

iTunes, which Apple's web site for downloadable music, is the place for iPod users to go for songs. Just recently, iTunes became available for MP3 players other than iPod brand.

"iTunes is great for iPod users because the songs are cheap and you can find any song you want," iPod owner Christina Keller said. "Pepsi runs promotions on their caps for free downloads, and that always helps."

About a year later, Apple released a

PC compatible version of the iPod. The unit required a special docking port connected by a hookup that doesn't exist on most PCs, but the option for a non-Mac edition was available.

As the iPod industry grew more and more popular, other electronic companies caught on and created their own portable music gadgets, similar to the infamous iPod. Slowly, other companies promoted merchandise; Apple however, was already a step ahead inventing an ever-more-workable iPod.

"I got my iPod as a gift from my parents for Christmas, and I love it," Keller said. "I like most Mac products and I would prefer having an iPod rather than another brand MP3 player."

Keller's iPod is customized with an inscription of her name and colored with a green plate, her favorite color.

iPOD's are found anywhere from celebrities, such as P. Diddy's diamond-encrusted version to students original store-bought ones and can range anywhere from pocket sizes at \$99 that can store up to 120 songs to hand-helds at \$599 for 15,000 songs.

When consumers refuse the prices of an iPod, business' everywhere participate in the new craze to fit all needs and wants at any cost.

"I will be needing a new MP3 in the next year or so," Christine Miller said. "When I first got mine the battery life lasted a good 6-7 hours. Now, I am lucky for it to last a full hour before needing an adapter."

Miller also discussed opting for an alternative to her iPod when it eventually fails.

"There are a lot more to compare now," she said. "They offer so many more things and there are more businesses

making their own types, like the Dell Jukebox. I wish there was this much selection when I was first picking one out."

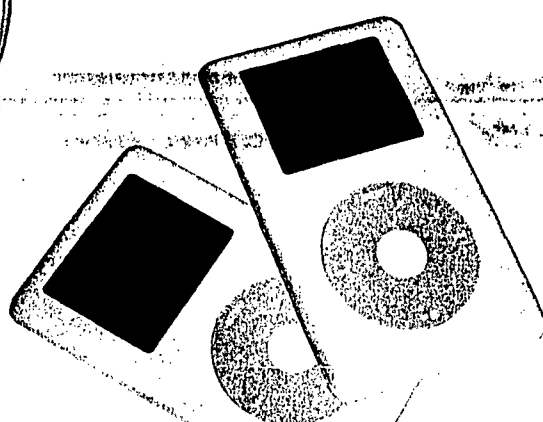
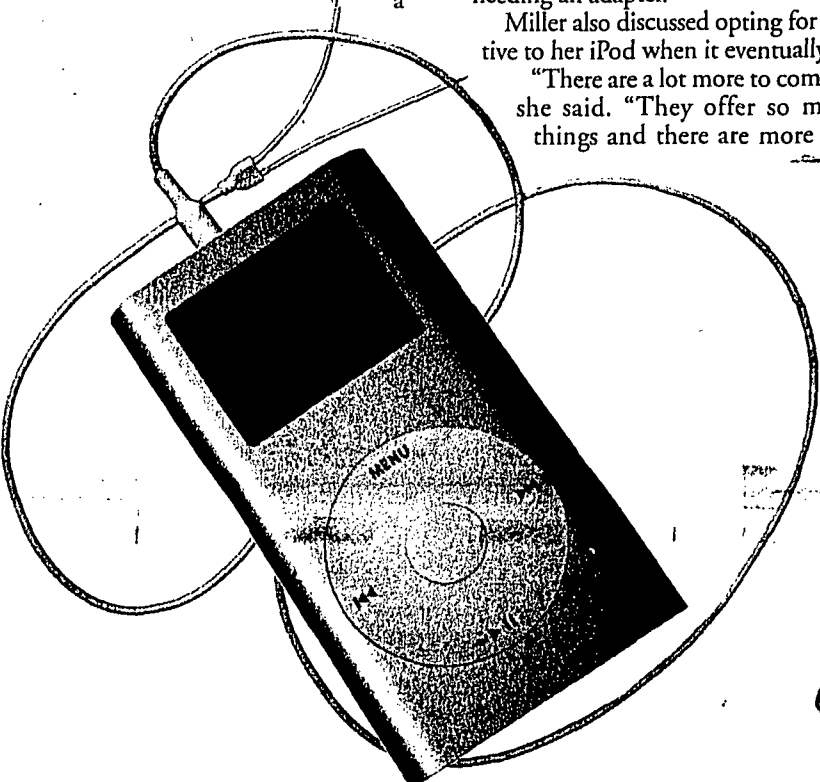
Dell introduced the Dell Digital Jukebox, or the Dell DJ to rival Apple's iPod at \$299. Consumers can acquire a MP3 that offers storage for 15,000 songs, 12 hours continuous battery life and a thicker casing instead of mimicking Apple's plastic covers.

Creative brand released a Zen Touch similar to the iPod, but Creative produced a "touch pad" allowing users to operate the player with more ease than an iPod. With a 10,000-song capability and 24 hour battery life, this is a go-anywhere, do anything necessity and can be purchased for \$220.

Otherwise, consumers can splurge on Archos MP4 video and MP3 music player. The apparatus comes complete with 480 hours of recorded playback, 1200 hours of music and over 800,000 JPEG photos. This entire do-everything, pocket-size piece can accompany any camping trip or vacation with ease for only \$799.

"I'm jealous of all the new MP3 players that have come out since a year ago when I bought mine," Miller said. "My iPod has 10GB and the lowest amount of storage they have now is 20GB and those are hard to find, even now."

One can only imagine what the future technology producers hold in store for our generation. Maybe we won't ever need to leave the comfort of our bedrooms and live in virtual solitude for the remainder of our lives, or maybe it will push us further into the age and possibly create a new era yet to cross our minds.



# THE REIGN OF NAPSTER

BY R.N. NOBLE  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

In the less than six years since Napster launched, the company upended the music industry by allowing people to share free music files, faced a legal firestorm, faced bankruptcy, went under and was reinvented.

Shawn Fanning, an eighteen-year-old Northwestern University (Boston) student, came up with the idea

in response to hearing complaints about the difficulty of finding and downloading music over the Internet. He taught himself Unix programming in high school and decided to try to create a way people could find and share music files. The code he created was eventually named "Napster" after Fanning, nicknamed Napster because of the unkempt hair he usually kept hidden under a baseball cap.

Fanning became so obsessed with his program that he eventually dropped out of Northwestern. He never went back for his clothes, bedding or books—but he took his laptop.

Napster launched in mid-1999 and almost immediately became the center of a huge legal controversy. In Dec. 1999 the Record Industry Association of America (RIAA), representing five major record labels and many smaller labels, sued Napster seeking damages of \$100 thousand per copyrighted song, an unrealistic \$200 billion total. Artists including Dr. Dre and Metallica also sued the small company.

In Feb. and July 2001, after being charged with tributary copyright infringement, Napster lost critical court decisions. First, a judge ruled that Napster must stop the distribution of copyrighted material through its network, blocking 250 thousand songs and 1.6 million filenames. Then, a judge decided that Napster must block all files infringing copyright, effectively crippling the company.

Before the company was shut down, members of the internet community began creating its successor. Nullsoft briefly released Gnutella in early 2000. By 2003, the site www.gnutelliums.com was listing 14 programs based on Gnutella, includ-

ing Bearshare and SongSpy.

"I had SongSpy on my dorm computer," senior Debi Mosher said. "It was great because if a song popped in your head you could just download it. It was good while it lasted."

The RIAA held that Napster and other internet file-sharing web sites robbed the industry, though a survey conducted in 2002 by Forrester search concluded that the 15 percent drop in music sales was more

caused by the recession in

competition from the DVD and game markets.

Forrester also found that people were regularly downloading music from file sharing sites didn't buy fewer CDs than those who didn't use the services.

"I used Napster a lot," senior Sara Ruzicka said.

own all the Cake CDs, so I didn't bad about downloading the discography so I could have the MP3s too.

These lawsuits destroyed the company. Napster financially folded in 2001 when a Delaware court blocked it from Bertelsmann AG, a multi-national media conglomerate. The company filed for bankruptcy the same year and sold its remaining physical assets in December 2002.

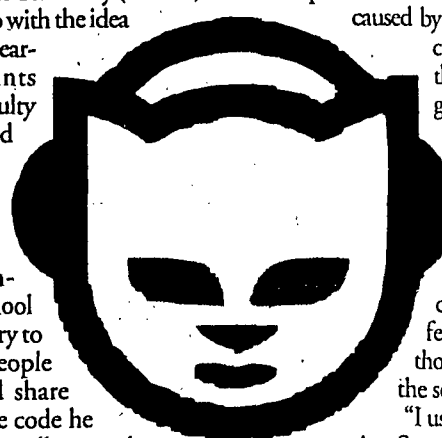
The company didn't stay under long. In July 2003 Roxio, the owner of the company name, announced the launch of Napster 2.0. It launched Oct. 19, 2003, just in time for Christmas.

Napster 2.0, a subscription service, allows patrons to listen to and download music from the site after downloading the software and paying a monthly service fee. The company boasted 1270 thousand paid subscribers at the end of 2004.

In February the company launched Napster 3.0: *Napster To Go*, the world's first portable subscription service. The new service allows consumers to download unlimited songs to compatible MP3 players for a monthly \$14.95 fee.

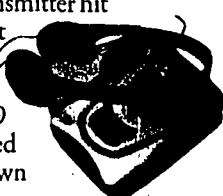
Before Napster re-launched the file-sharing service, Kazaa had around 3.5 million users. Subscription service had less than 300 thousand members.

"I don't have \$14.95 to subscribe to Napster when I have CDs to listen to and there's radio@natscape for free," Mosher said. "Why spend a whole bunch of money?"



# The evolution of portable audio devices

The radio pocket transmitter hit stores in 1954. It weighed 12-ounces, and boasted a 20-hour battery life. December 1979 a cassette deck was added and became known as the "Walkman."



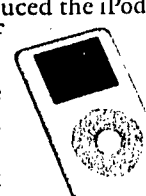
1984: The portable CD player was born. It was the size of four stacked CD cases. Consumers purchased the CD versions rather than the cassette versions.



Eiger Labs in California introduced the first portable MP3 player in 1998—the MPMan. Diamond Media's Rio PMP300 soon replaced the MPMan. It retailed for \$200 and ran 12 hours.



2001: Apple introduced the iPod and holds 60 hours of CD-quality sound. The early models were compatible only with Apple computers; current models work with all PC's.



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## Wrestling for Gold

### Wrestlers head to Columbia, aim for gold

ANDY TIMKO  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

A season full of delays could not change almost yearly tradition that Spoofhounds wrestling has created, during Joe Drake's tenure as head coach.

This year seven of Drake's wrestlers are wrestling to Columbia to compete for the state championship individually and as a team.

Cody Gillenwater, the lone underclassman, joins seniors Jason Tuggle, Justin Driskell, Colby Chesnut, Daniel Blair, Skyler Vandiver and Ryan Schleusner in their quest for a state title.

"In the first two years I didn't do as well as I hoped for, so this year I'm hoping to pick it up," Gillenwater said. "Some people have high expectations, but I have high expectations for myself as well."

As one of the six seniors going to state, Vandiver looked back on his career and the season as a time for learning and setting goals.

"It's been a really fun ride and I just want to do my best my senior year," Vandiver said. "I got second last year so it would be nice to do better than that, but I'm just going to take it how it comes and be happy with the season."

The season drew to a close quickly after cancellations in November due to the extended football stint and ice storms in January.

When the 'Hounds actually had a chance to wrestle opponents instead of each other, things started improving as the year went on. After the first of the year, once things cooled down, we got through the bad weather and we actually got into our season things and we got very quickly for us in a positive way," Drake said.

As the season progressed Drake believes the team learned what they needed to become the winners they wanted to be.

"We have an atmosphere in here every year, our coaching staff, and the athletes kind of all into that mold," Drake said. "A positive thing for them was that they knew even though we were losing, we were still a team." please see 'STATE' page 3B



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN  
Cody Gillenwater and Skyler Vandiver go through drills Tuesday in preparation for the MSHSAA State Wrestling Championships which starts today. Both Gillenwater and Vandiver return to the state championships with hopes of improving on their finishes from last season.

### Team takes fifth at districts

BY ZACK WARD  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville Spoofhounds wrestling team had seven wrestlers qualify for the state tournament on Saturday at Cameron.

The 'Hounds Jason Tuggle had a strong day, finishing third in the 112 pound weight class. Cody Gillenwater also qualified for state, with a second-place finish in the 125-pound weight class.

Senior Hound Justin Driskell also qualified for state with a fourth-place finish in the 130-pound weight class. Colby Chesnut, was the fourth 'Hounds' wrestler to qualify for state, finishing fourth in the 145-pound weight class.

Skyler Vandiver continued his successful season as he made it to the finals of the 152-pound weight class. In the finals, he matched up against Hamilton's Roy Rosenbaum. It was a long match that went into overtime, where Vandiver would fall 3-1 and finish in second place.

The 'Hounds Dan Blair also qualified for state with a fourth place finish in the 160-pound weight class. Finishing out the day for the 'Hounds, Ryan Schleusner finished third in the 215-pound weight class.

"They had a great tournament, overall," Drake said. "There were a few disappointments with some of our wrestlers, but overall the team wrestled great."



Jason Tuggle (24-12)  
Weight Class: 112  
Opponent: Derek Thorsen  
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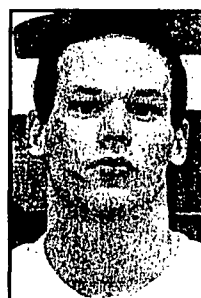
Cody Gillenwater (28-4)  
Weight Class: 125  
Opponent: Matt Jeske  
School: Lexington (7-14)



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Opponent: Jose Vega  
School: Knob Noster (33-1)



Daniel Blair (24-13)  
Weight Class: 160  
Opponent: Brandon Simpson  
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### Northwest drops second straight

RENDAN KELLEY  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Wednesday night was the first time in years the Bearcats men's basketball team lost two straight MIAA conference games.

By the time the final horn sounded the Bearcats were bare, and the visiting Washington Ichabods walked away with an 80-69 victory.

"We're a good basketball team," senior Clarence said. "There's no reason we couldn't come out and stick it to people, especially on our home court."

Washington grabbed control from the very beginning, using a 10-0 run to jump out to a 17-0 lead with 11:53 remaining in the first half.

"This has been the story of our season," said junior Austin Clarke who finished with 17 points. "We just didn't come out ready to play. The Ichabods shot 55 percent from the floor in the first half and held a 46-point lead going into half-time."

"We're not playing with a lot of confidence," coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "When we get down by more than six or seven, the air really comes out of our sails." Northwest used a 19-7 run early in the second half to pull within seven, (53-46) with 12:51 remaining in the game.

In that spurt we showed what we were capable of," Meyer said. "The problem is it only lasted for about nine minutes." The 'Cats could not get over the hump, however, and the Ichabods would use runs throughout the second half to throw space between themselves and the 'Cats and win the 11-point victory.



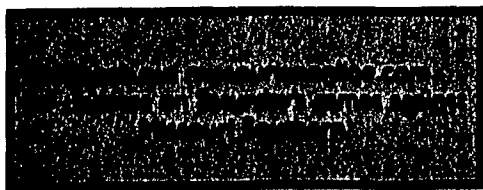
PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN  
Brandon Maxie tries to maneuver around a Washington defender during the Bearcats game Wednesday at Bearcat Arena. Northwest lost the game and is now in a two-game losing streak.

"We had opportunities to hit some shots and stay in the game and we just didn't do it," Tappmeyer said. "We just turned the ball over too much, they got 20 points off our turnovers in the first half."

With Missouri Southern visiting Saturday and the season winding down, the 'Cats search for answers.

"I think we're scared of losing," Clarence said. "We're trying to figure out what's going on and we have to figure it out quick because the tournament is coming up."

Northwest is now 17-9 overall and 7-8 in the conference. They were fourth in the MIAA standings as of last night. Emporia State was tied for fourth in the MIAA going into Wednesday's games with a 7-7 conference record.



#### Pittsburg St. 81, Northwest 69

The Bearcats took a 17-7 and a 7-6 MIAA record into Pittsburg, Kansas on Saturday afternoon. The Gorillas, ranked No. 23, jumped all over the 'Cats from the very beginning and used the fast start to run away with an 81-69 victory.

"If I was someone looking from the outside in, from a coaching standpoint I'd say that team has some bad attitudes, they don't care or something like that," Tappmeyer said. "But, that's not the case, being with the team all the time and at practice the day before the game you see that we care, and we are practicing better than we are playing right now."

The Gorillas shot a staggering 71 percent from the floor in the first half and led 48-22 going into the intermission.

"We started the game not ready to play and they were focused," Tappmeyer said. "By the media timeout we were down 11, and then the wheels just came off."

The 'Cats outscored the Gorillas 47-33 in the second half.

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### After strong start, squad drops doubleheader, readies themselves for Arkansas roadtrip

BY JEROME BOETTCHER  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Northwest baseball team left Oklahoma this past weekend with a bittersweet taste in their mouth.

Northwest picked up a 12-5 win Saturday and head coach Darin Loe earned his 300th career win as a head coach. But Sunday, Northeastern State swept a doubleheader to end the series.

"Since we beat them so bad (in the first game) and in the second game we came out and I think we just were kind too relaxed maybe, not as aggressive as we should have been," sophomore Tristan Stewart said. "So we kind of thought they were just going to roll over for us really. Instead of playing our game, maybe we gave in to them a little bit."

Northwest jumped out to a 12-0 nothing lead to start off the first game before Northeastern State was able to get on the board. Stewart led the team with four RBIs, while Kyle Gallagher had three hits and three RBIs. Gallagher was only a homer shy of the cycle as he had a triple, double and single.

Brett Bogner earned the win as he didn't give up any runs and only three hits in five innings of work. Bogner struck out three and only one walked one batter.

"Came well prepared for it, felt good going into it, my arm felt pretty good," Bogner said. "Everything else seemed to fall into place from there on."

The Bearcats were supposed to have play a doubleheader on Saturday but due to the weather the game was moved to the following day.

The team started off the day with a followed by a nine-inning game followed by a seven-inning game. The first game went into extra innings and Northwest fought all the way back to take the lead after being down by as many as six runs.

The team took the lead in the top of the 10th inning, 11-10. But the lead wouldn't last long as Northeastern was able to knock two runners in with one out. Freshman Zach Weston received the loss. Alex Budden started the game and only pitched three innings before getting pulled. He gave up eight hits and five runs before being relieved.

Game 1	R	H	E
NW- 2 0 7 1 2 0 0-	12	12	4
NE- 0 0 0 0 0 0 5-	5	8	4
W- Bogner L- McKee			

Game 2	R	H	E
NW- 0 0 0 0 4 3 1 1 1 1-	11	14	3
NE- 0 0 5 1 2 1 0 1 0 2-	12	16	2
W- Araki L- Weston			

Game 3	R	H	E
NW- 0 0 0 0 0 10-	15	2	
NE- 3 2 3 0 0 2 X-	10	13	2
W- Hughey L- Coons			
Record:	1-2		

Stewart once again had a good game at the plate as he had a career-high five RBIs on three hits. Gallagher, Drew Mettelle, Britt Westman and Pat Whitt all had two hits apiece.

"Sunday we just seemed to come out a little fat, hitters seemed to be outthrown a little bit," Bogner said. "The opposing pitchers really seemed to keep our hitters off-balance. That's also been the first time since we have been outdoors this year. We've hit a couple times outdoors, up here at Northwest. But for the most part that has been the first time we've seen live pitching day in and day out since we've been outside."

In the second game of the doubleheader it was all Northeastern State as the Redmen took a quick 8-0 lead after three innings of play. The Redmen would go on to lose the game 10-1. Starter Matt Coons took the loss.

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# Falkner, Samuel earn MIAA Athlete of the Week Honors

BY SHAUNDA FRENCH  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Northwest track and field team competed in the Prairie Wolf Invitational at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln last Friday and along with several winners, two Northwest athletes received the MIAA Indoor Track Athletes of the Week.

Two gold medals, one silver and a bronze are what sophomore E.J. Falkner and junior Alisha Samuel earned, along as the MIAA award.

"I was ecstatic," said Samuel. "Coach (Lorek) told me at practice and it felt good."

Samuels, ninth among Division

II athletes in the 60 meter dash, improved her time in a 9.65 seconds victory. Samuels also received second place in the 200 meters with a time of 25.57.



FALKNER

Falkner received a first place in the 400 meters with a time of 48.83 seconds and came in with third place in the 200 meters in 21.98 seconds.

Senior thrower Clint Prange threw a distance of 17.53 meters to win the shot-put event, as well as senior Mary Wirt, who placed second in the women's

weight throw.

Dallas Flynn placed fourth in shot-put with a distance of 52'8" and Anthony Jackson received fourth place in the long jump with a jump of 22'4" 1/4 feet.

The Northwest men and women's

track teams will next head to the Central Missouri Classic in Warrensburg, on Saturday, Feb. 19. For many of the athletes this meet will hopefully be a small step leading to something much bigger.

"It's a big meet for two reasons. One, it's our last practice meet before conference. Two, our time is getting shorter for us to qualify for nationals," junior Diczcas Calbert said. "Personally for me, it puts me closer to competing at conference, since last indoor season due to injuries, I didn't get to compete and further help my team."

Samuel will sit out this week's meet and look towards conference.

"Coach (Lorek) and I decided that I should stay home," Samuel said. "I'm preparing myself in the 200 and looking forward to continue running the way I'm running and looking towards nationals."

## BASEBALL: Bearcats head back down south for three-game series; the team looks to rebound after two losses

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as he allowed five runs in 1.2 innings on the mound.

Despite the losses, the team remains positive and thinks that there are somethings that they need to continue to work on.

"The pitching staff's really focusing on getting ahead of our hitters when we're on the mound and keeping our defense on their toes, getting the ground balls, working at a good pace were we're able to get those outs in tough situations," Bognar said.

The Bearcats now head to

Conway, Ark. this weekend for another three-game series. They take

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—Tristan Stewart

Bearcat Centerfielder

"I think (this past weekend) actually makes the whole team that much more anxious to get down to Arkansas next weekend and turn things around," Stewart said. "Prove to our coaches, prove to the fans, just prove to everybody that was kind of a fluke and we maybe let our guard down."

Their record now stands at 1-2. Following their trip to Arkansas they head to Savannah, Ga. for the Armstrong Atlantic Invitational.

## MEN: Wilson most likely out until March; senior could be done for rest of the season

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the second half, but it still wasn't enough to overcome the first half deficit.

"I felt good about the fact that our seniors didn't quit in the second half and they didn't let any of the other players quit either," Tappmeyer said. "It was still embarrassing to go in there and have that happen."

Senior guard Sky Wilson left the contest early after injuring his knee once again. Wilson has fought through injury problems all year, coming back to play a few games only to return to the bench again and again.

"It looks like Sky won't be back until the MIAA tournament at the earliest," Tappmeyer said. "From a team standpoint it has probably disrupted the chemistry more anticipating his comeback so much, and then having him get hurt again and having to go without him, than it would have if we just would have had to learn to play without him."

The 'Cats have not found what it takes to beat a ranked opponent this year. They stand 0-4 against top 25 teams.



PHOTO BY MATT FRYE/NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Victor James tries make a move on Washburn's Travis Robbins Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena. James and the Bearcats could not overcome an early double-digit deficit and losing to the Ichabods 80-69.

"We have to be consistent, we need everybody going out and doing everything they can do every night," Tappmeyer said. "We are shooting horrible and we have to start hitting open shots."

The 'Cats hope to find some comfort in Bearcat Arena over the remain-

der of the season with three of their last four conference games being played at home.

"It's nice to play at home and stay off the buses," Tappmeyer said. "It's an opportunity to turn some things around at home against some good teams and kind of run the table on the way out."

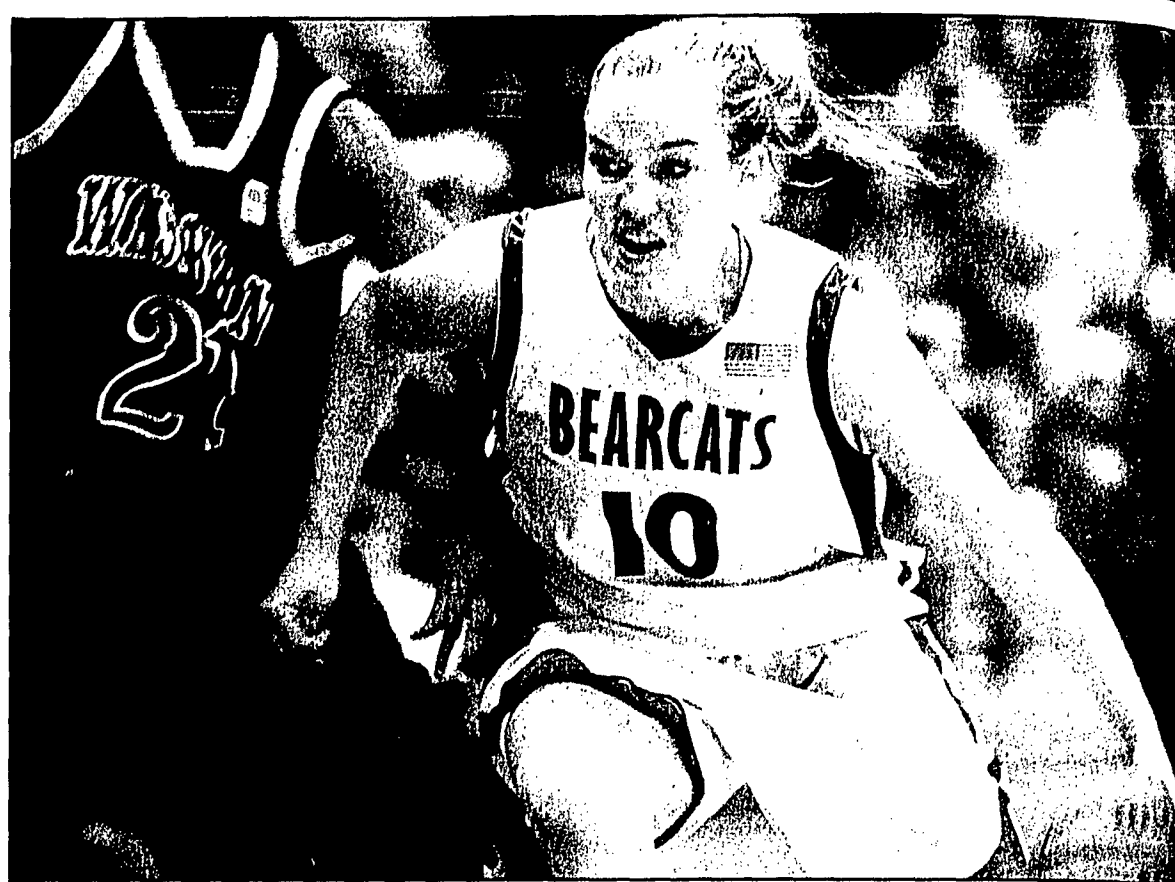


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Northwest junior Laura Friederich drives against a Washburn defender Wednesday night at Bearcat Arena. Friederich scored 15 points but it wasn't enough as the Bearcats suffered their second straight loss, losing 69-50.

## 'Cats play Washburn tough in first half, but can't keep up in the end

BY JEROME BOETTCHER

NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

For the first 25 minutes of Wednesday's game against No. 4 Washburn, the Northwest women's basketball team stayed right in it.

Then the Lady Blues got rolling. Thanks to a 13-0 run early in the second half, Washburn pushed out to a 41-27 lead. Northwest would cut it to a 10-point lead with less than nine minutes left, but then Washburn would answer every time Northwest tried to tighten the gap and scored 21 points in the last nine minutes to win, 69-50.

"They had some runs and we were trading baskets with them," junior Laura Friederich said. "But when they got up a little bit you just can't trade it, you can't go back and forth."

In the first half Northwest never trailed by more than eight points. A Meghan Brue three-pointer cut it to one point before intermission as the team ended the half with a 7-0 run. The Bearcats then came out and took the lead 30 seconds into the second half on a jumper by Friederich. Northwest would keep it within one point until Washburn went on the run. The Lady Blues' Jennifer Harris had nine of her 18 points during the run.

"Coach warned us yesterday that they're a team that lives off runs and we just have to be able stop the runs in the game," senior Ashely Poptanycz said. "Because you know they're going to come. We knew when we had the lead, they would eventually come on a run, and that we were going to have to stop them, and we just couldn't get it stopped."

Poptanycz ended the game with 11 points and five rebounds while

Friederich had 15 points and four rebounds. Freshman Mandi Schumacher also scored in double-digits with 10 points, eight of those points coming in the first half.

At the end of the game with the clock winding down and Washburn up by 16 points, the Lady Blues' Alison Garrett shot a three-pointer at the buzzer. Garrett had just been put in the game and was going for the career record of three-pointers made at Washburn. She stands just two away from tying the record and Washburn coach Ron McHenry said that it was not an attempt to rub in things.

"It was just a thing with the girls, I didn't call it, I heard them out there saying they were trying to set up a look for her because she's going for the record," McHenry said.

Though Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer looked upset right after that he said he just wanted to prevent the chance.

"I was a little disappointed we gave up that three at the end, because I knew what they were going to do and I told my kids what they were going to do and we didn't listen to well," Steinmeyer said.

Washburn rebounded after the first half in which they turned the ball over 11 times. In the second half they only gave the ball up five times.

"Our defensive intensity kind suffered in the second half," Poptanycz said. "Our communication wasn't as good and we just weren't getting it done."

Steinmeyer was pleased with his team played and thinks they have improved from their earlier defeat by Washburn. The Bearcats suffered a 99-49 loss last time the two met.

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—Gene Steinmeyer

Northwest Women's Basketball Coach

Washburn but I'm going to home thinking for 35 minutes did."

The loss now puts the Bearcats record at 12-14 overall and 5-10 in the conference. They are currently seventh in the MIAA standings, just one win ahead of Southern Baptist in the conference standings. There are only three regular season games left and only the top eight teams in the conference make it to the MIAA Tournament in Kansas City in less than two weeks.

The Bearcats now host Missouri Southern at 1:30 p.m. Saturday before heading to Missouri Western on Wednesday to face the Griffins at 5:30 p.m.

## MIAA Tournament tickets now on sale at ticket office

Tickets for the 2005 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Postseason Basketball Championships are now on sale.

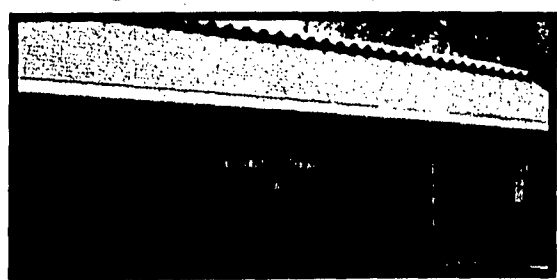
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Mandi Schumacher



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Hounds sophomore Vallerie Spire works against a Chillicothe defender on Saturday night. Maryville fell to the Hornets 41 in overtime. The loss dropped the 'Hounds to 9-11 for the season. They will be in action next on Thursday at Savannah.

## Hornets sting 'Hounds at home

BY SETH HERROLD  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville girls' basketball team lost a heartbreaker Saturday night, falling 47-41 in overtime to the Chillicothe Hornets.

The 'Hounds played strong defense the entire game but could not pull ahead of Chillicothe. The Hornets struggled with free throws the entire night.

"We didn't play that bad," senior Kelli Dawson said. "We just missed a lot of free throws, which are shots that determine the game."

The game never saw a substantial lead, and both teams battled back and forth the entire game. Senior Kim Wilmer hit a big free throw in the waning seconds of regulation to tie the game at 39 and force overtime. However, she only hit one of two free throw attempts and missed a chance to win the game in regulation.

Chillicothe's last second chance in

regulation was deflected by a Spoofhound defender, and the game went into overtime.

Several missed free throw opportunities in the overtime period, ultimately led to the 'Hounds downfall.

"It was a great game for us, and a very intense game," coach Adam Willard said. "We played really hard, but we just didn't hit our free throws and that's why we lost basically."

The 'Hounds offensively were led by Wilmer and Dawson, who had a team high with 17 points.

"It's all about the team," Dawson said. "The team passes, and they set good screens to get me open."

The team also played sound defense as well as they were able to hold the Hornets to 39 points in regulation.

"I think as a team we played the best defense we've played all year. Whatever five were out there did a good job," Willard said. "Offensively Kelli Dawson and Kim Wilmer had

good games again."

"We didn't play that bad," Dawson said. "We just missed our free throws."

Despite the loss, Willard saw some positives.

"It was another good close game," he said. "Those games just make you tougher mentally I think, so I think we'll get that out of it. Just the experience is what we need because we're so young."

The 'Hounds record stood at 9-11 after their second straight loss.

Tuesday, the 'Hounds dropped a contest to Nebraska City, 64-58.

Maryville trailed throughout, but closed the gap to four points with under a minute remaining. The Hornets were able to hit a pair of late free throws however to seal the deal.

The game was a makeup from a Jan. 4, cancellation.

The 'Hounds were led by Dawson and Wilmer who tossed in 21 and 20 points, respectively.

## TATE: Seven wrestlers make the trip

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Though we were off to a slow start, things would get better and they kept moving in that and eventually it was a new swing on this year's competition was the removal of the sectional qualifying round between districts and state. Removing sectionals extends the season by a week as well as making each wrestler bring their best every week.

"One of the positives for eliminating that tournament is we're not facing the same kids three weekends in a row, we eliminate one weekend in there where we wrestle tough competition taking a chance of injuries and kids getting hurt," Drake said. "But it's a positive, we eliminate one ladder of really tough wrestling."

Taking sectionals out can be a double-edged sword at times, however. According to Drake, it also means that there is only one chance

to qualify for state.

"You don't have a second chance. You either qualify at districts or you don't go," he said. "Personally, I don't think it's a bad thing. I can see where it's going to be detrimental to smaller schools, but for us I don't see it as a bad thing at all. I think it's good thing for us."

The state competition began this morning and runs through Saturday evening at the Hearnes Center in Columbia.

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9 a.m. - Class 1 and 2 first-round matches and first-round wrestlebacks	7 p.m. - Semifinals all classes	4:30 p.m. - Finalist match and other preliminaries	
Friday, Feb. 18	Saturday, Feb. 19	5 p.m. - Championship bouts all classes	
9 a.m. - Class 1 and 2 quarterfinals and second-round wrestlebacks	10 a.m. - Fourth-round wrestlebacks all classes		
1 p.m. - Class 1 and 2 third-round	1 p.m. - Fifth-place matches all classes		
	2:15 p.m. - Third-place matches all classes		

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## Maryville shoots down Cardinals, get revenge

BY SETH WOODERSON  
NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

The Maryville boys' basketball team was relentless Friday night in their second matchup with the Benton Cardinals.

The first time, the two teams met in St. Joseph. The Spoofhounds came out sluggish and the game resulted in a loss. This time, however, it was an entirely different story as Maryville came away victorious with a 55-48 deficit.

"We were glad to get back home and this one was (for) the conference. I think we played a lot better; I think we're a lot better team than we were then," 'Houndscoach Mike Kuwitzky said.

The 'Hounds controlled the game from the opening tip off and were quick to strike first.

At the end of the first quarter the 'Hounds led the Cardinals 11-9, eight of those 11 coming from 'Hound senior Josh Wilmes.

Wilmes was a key factor, compiling a game-high 31 points and enough rebounds to award him a double-double.

"When (Wilmes) plays like that he's so hard to stop," Kuwitzky said. "He was so focused and he really took it to them, he really wanted to win

tonight."

The 'Hounds continued their intensity into the half leading the Cardinals 21-20.

The third quarter was a complete stalemate, with both teams mounting 14 points apiece favoring the 'Hounds 35-34.

Benton's Craig Brown would hit a three-point shot in the final seconds, pulling the Cardinals within one.

In the fourth quarter, both teams once again played each other basket for basket. The 'Hounds gained a 47-45 lead and went into a stall with a minute and half left in the ballgame.

Free throws would decide the rest of the game, as Maryville would go 12 for 13 from the line, to seal the deal with a final score of 55-48.

"It was really important to hit (our free throws) we're a good free throw shooting team (and) we hit them when we needed to," Kuwitzky said.

Along with Josh Wilmes' big night, fellow senior Evan Wilmes also chipped in 11 points. Only five 'Hounds scored during the game.

The 'Hounds move to a conference record of 4-1 and a 16-5 overall record. They will face Savannah, a team that handed them a 48-44 loss



PHOTO BY ADAM WATSON/ NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

Senior Evan Wilmes goes to the basket against Benton on Friday. Wilmes scored 11 points in the win on the road, earlier this season.

This time, Maryville will have the home-court advantage as they host the Savages at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. They will then host non-conference opponent Westport at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

## Life's lessons learned through fishing

Looking back on my life, certain moments or things have molded me as a person. There are certain turning points that changed my life forever.

One of those turning points was the first time my dad took me fishing. I stood there on the shore of Lake of the Ozarks with my Fisher Price rod, and watched my bobber float around the water's surface all day long. I'm sure my dad didn't have any idea that this "hobby" he was showing me would turn into a lifelong dream and something that I would pursue until my last day on Earth. I knew, from the very first moment, that fishing was something I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

Now that I am in college and not far away from entering the real world, I realize what fishing has done for me. Life is not always about the actual action of doing something, but rather what comes from you doing something.



Brendan Kelley  
Assistant Sports Editor

Fishing changed my life. While all my friends spent their summers sitting around and running all over town, I spent my summers chasing bass. None of my friends could ever understand why I would rather spend my day on the lake instead of hanging out, but I guess we don't understand most things in life unless we truly care about them.

Fishing is a time when the rest of the world fades away and for a short period of time, the problems and the worries of the world can't touch me. Fishing has taught me more than I could ever learn in a classroom. It taught me that in life sometimes no matter what you do, things don't go your way but you can't give up. Because that moment that you give up might be that instant that would change your life forever. Losing fish is a fact of life; people come and people go and some of them we never forget. Doing things the way you know they should be done when no one is watching, means a lot more than doing it when someone is watching.

Fishing taught me that in life you will probably lose more than you will win. Life is not a story of the times we won and found greatness; rather, it is a story about the times that we fell down, got up, looked the world straight in the eye and kept moving forward.

When I went home this weekend I didn't sleep in or just lay around the house. I went to fishing seminars at Johnson County Community College at 7 a.m. each day. I didn't do this for any other reason other than it's what I wanted to do. Fishing is what I love to do. Maybe that's the greatest thing that fishing taught me. In life you should find what you love and follow your heart to it, despite other people telling you that they don't understand or that you can't do it throw the consequences aside and follow your heart.

This spring and summer if you find yourself with nothing to do and tired of watching reruns on TV, grab a fishing pole and head down to the local lake or pond. What you catch might be a whole lot more than just fish.

## Sportswriters and Sportscasters' Association Boys Basketball rankings

Class 4	Class 3	Class 2
1. Platte County 21-0	1. Cardinal Ritter 16-4	1. Harrisburg 21-0
2. Willard 22-2	2. Kaiser-School of the Osage 21-0	2. Salisbury 20-0
3. KC Lincoln Prep 18-3	3. Macon 20-2	3. Gower-East Buchanan 19-1
4. KC O'Hara 18-5	4. Miller Career Academy 19-5	4. Thayer 20-2
5. Salem 20-3	5. Portageville 18-4	5. Hartville 18-3
6. Westminster Christian 19-4	6. Cameron 16-5	6. Marionville 17-2
7. Bolivar 20-4	7. Maryville 16-5	7. Vandalia-Van-Far 16-5
8. Grain Valley 19-3	8. Caruthersville 15-6	8. Plato 17-3
9. Dexter 20-4	9. Versailles 16-4	9. Steele-South Pemiscot 16-4
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